

Clinical Congress News

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Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Regents, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you



Dr. Schwartz

to Orlando for the 84th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. The Clinical

Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Total attendance, including other health care professionals, scien-

tific and industrial exhibitors, members of the press, and invited guests, is expected to exceed 15,000.

Under the direction of C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, Chair, and A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, the College's Program Committee has planned another outstanding and timely program. Activities formally begin at 9:30 on Monday morning. Clyde F. Barker, MD, FACS, will deliver the Opening Ceremony Lecture, entitled "I. S. Ravdin and Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania." Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

The annual nine named lectures will be presented by a distinguished group of speakers from around the world. Additional educational highlights of the meeting include sessions on medical ethics, ultrasound for surgeons, lymphatic mapping and sentinel node biopsy, the use of virtual reality to train general surgeons, and the use of computers in surgery.

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to over 1,383 Initiates at the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel.

The Clinical Congress continues to be the hallmark event of this organization. It remains a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, foresight, and cooperation of the College staff, committees, and participants.

I wish to personally thank the many individuals who make this meeting happen, and extend to each attendee my best wishes for an exciting and productive meeting.

Dr. Schwartz is Distinguished Alumni Professor, University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons and the 78th President of the American College of Surgeons.

Clyde Barker to deliver Opening Ceremony Lecture

t 9:30 am on Monday, during the Opening Ceremony of the 1998 Clinical Congress, Clyde F. Barker, MD, FACS, Philadelphia, PA, will present "I.S. Ravdin and Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania." The Opening Ceremony will take place in the Orange County Convention Center, Room 320.

Dr. Barker is the director, Harrison Department of Surgical Research, and chairman, department of surgery, School of Medicine, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He is also chief of surgery, chief of the transplantation division, and chief of the division of vascular surgery, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1958, after graduating from Cornell University with a BA and MD degree, Dr. Barker became an intern at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, thus beginning what has become a 40-year dedication to the university. In addition to his current positions at the university, Dr. Barker is co-director of the Diabetes Research Center and John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Barker, himself a prolific author, serves or has served on the editorial boards of many journals, including *Transplantation* (1977-present), *Clinical Transplantation* (1986-present), *Cell Transplantation* (1991-present), *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (1994-present), and *Annals of Surgery* (1995-present).

In his lecture, Dr. Barker will discuss the charismatic and acclaimed surgeon from the University of Pennsylvania—Dr. I.S. Ravdin. Dr. Ravdin served as ACS President from 1960 to 1961.



Dr. Barker

The surgeon's office and the year 2000

A recent report by a major health care information technology consulting firm identified the private physician's office as being at the greatest risk for a failure due to a year 2000 bug.

One of the most significant factors for this assessment was the lack of awareness of the problem in this segment of health care delivery. To address these concerns, the Program Committee of the American College of Surgeons has added a session since the publication of the Program Book to this year's Clinical Congress entitled, "The Surgeon's Office and the Year 2000."

This session's primary goal is to build awareness and to outline a process for recognition of Year 2000 issues that can and will have a critical impact on the function of the private surgeon's office if they are not dealt with.

Organizational issues, process, as well as individual application issues will be addressed. The goal will be for the practitioner to take home an outline and process of where to begin in preparing his or her office for the millennium.

The session will be moderated by David A. Krusch, MD, FACS, and will be held on Wednesday, October 28, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, in Room 304 E-H of the convention center.

In this issue:

Key Contact/Grassroots Network survey

For nearly a decade, the College has maintained a Key Contact Network of Fellows who have close ties to members of Congress. Over the years, these key contacts have enhanced the College's access to legislators who serve in leadership positions and on important health care committees that shape policy affecting surgical patients and the surgical profession. Periodically, as important figures in Congress change, the College reaches out to the Fellowship to identify new participants to join the Key Contact Network.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Clinical Congress News* is a Key Contact/Grassroots Network questionnaire that we are asking Fellows who are known personally by legislators and Fellows who are willing to volunteer their time to contact their legislators to complete and return to the Socioeconomic Affairs Department. Completed questionnaires may be dropped off at the department's booth in the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the general registration area of the Orange County Convention Center; sent via fax to the College's Washington Office at 202/337-4271; or mailed to the Washington Office at 1640 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

PG 13 on plastic and maxillofacial surgery announced

The complete listing for Postgraduate Course #13, which does not appear in the Program Book, follows.

Postgraduate Course #13 — Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery: Management Principles of Perineal Wounds

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 27-28 Convention Center, 307CD. 6 hours

Chair: Lawrence J. Gottlieb, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

The objective of this course is to present the concepts and principles of perineal wound management as well as a multidisciplinary perspective of perineal and genitourinary reconstruction.

Session IA — Perineal Wounds and Infection

Tuesday, October 27 8:30 - 10:00 am Moderator:Susan Galandiuk, MD, FACS, *Louisville*, KY

Applied Anatomy of Perineum and Pelvis

Hugh R. Barber, MD, FACS, New York, NY

Principles of Perineal Trauma Management Jack W. McAninch, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA Principles of Perineal Infection Management

Lawrence J. Gottlieb, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

Discussion

Break (10:00 - 10:30 am)

Session IB — Perineal Wounds and Sinuses

Tuesday, October 27 10:30 am - 12:00 noon Moderator: Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

Introduction

Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

The Problem Perineal Wounds and Sinuses

Roger D. Hurst, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

Perineal Wound Closure Options: The Solution Stephen John Mathes, MD, FACS,

San Francisco, CA

Carmanaama

Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

Discussion

Session IIA — External Genital Reconstruction

Wednesday, October 28 8:30 - 10:00 am Moderator: John J. Coleman, MD, FACS, *Indianapolis*, *IN*

Reconstruction of Penis Daniel P. Greenwald, MD, FACS, *Tampa*, *FL*

Reconstruction of Vagina/Vulva Malcolm A. Lesavoy, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA

Reconstruction of Perineum/Scrotum Jack W. McAninch, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA

Discussion (Interdisciplinary Exchange)

Break (10:00 - 10:30 am)

Session IIB — Developmental and Dynamic Reconstruction

Wednesday, October 28 10:30 am - 12:00 noon Moderators: Gordon R. Tobin II, MD, FACS, and John H. Barker, MD, PhD, Louisville, KY

Introduction
Gordon R. Tobin II, MD, FACS,
Louisville, KY

Gracilis Anomyoplasty for Fecal Incontinence Susan Galandiuk, MD, FACS, Louisville, KY

Rectus Myoplasty for Stomal Continence Janou Bardoel, MD, Louisville, KY

A New Gracilis Urethromyoplasty for Urinary Incontinence Vera C. van Aalst-Barker, MD, Louisville, KY

State of the Art in Detrusor Myoplasty John G. Van Savage, MD, Louisville, KY

A New Solution to Neuromuscular Sphincter Fatigue Gustavo Perez-Abodia, MD, Louisville, KY

Neosphincter Control Using Biofeedback Erik Zonnevylle, MD, Louisville, KY

Summary
Gordon R. Tobin II, MD, FACS,
Louisville, KY

Discussion

Registration locations and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to verify your attendance simply turn in your attendance verification card at the advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Program Book. The registration area at the Orange County Convention Center will be open Sunday, October 25, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday and Tuesday, October 26-27, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Wednesday and Thursday, October 28-29, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. As a convenience, advance registration will be open Sunday only from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Walt Disney World Dolphin.

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you can redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

CME credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-for-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physicians' Recognition Award.

To record your attendance for continuing education and recertification requirements, use the card inserted in the back of the official Program Book. If you have lost your card, you may obtain an extra copy at the Message and Information Center in the Orange County Convention Center. These cards are for your personal record and in most circumstances do not need to be validated.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Dr. and Mrs. Leffall to receive philanthropy award

he Fellows Leadership Society will hold its 10th annual luncheon on Monday, October 26, beginning at 11:30 am at the Peabody Orlando. The luncheon will feature the presentation of the 1998 ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award to LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS, and his wife, Ruth.

Dr. and Mrs. Leffall have been supportive of the College's Development Program for many years and became members of the Mayne Heritage last year after establishing a very generous gift for the American College of Surgeons in their estate plans. He has served for four years on the College's Development Committee and for two years as Chair of the Fellows Leadership Society.

Dr. Leffall, the Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC, is a surgeon, oncologist, medical educator, and leader in professional and civic organizations. He is Past-President of the American College of Surgeons, the American Cancer Society, the Society of Surgical Chairmen, the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, and the Washington Academy of Surgery. He has been a visiting professor at more than 200 institutions in this country and abroad. He holds nine honorary degrees from various universities and is an honorary fellow of the following societies: the West African College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, the College of Surgeons of South Africa, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Chirurgie (German Surgical Society).

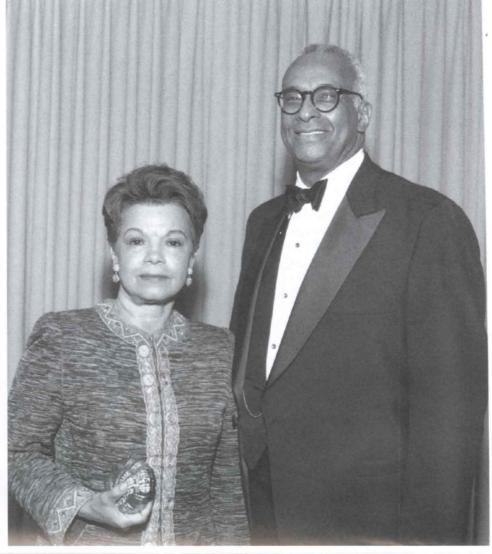
Howard University has established the LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Surgical Society and the Leffall Chair in Surgery. The Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the American College of Surgeons established the LaSalle D. Leffall, Ir., Prize in 1996. A science laboratory has been named in his honor at his undergraduate alma mater-Florida A&M University.

Dr. Leffall's professional life has been devoted to the study of cancer. In 1987, the biennial LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Award was established by the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston, TX, recognizing his contributions to cancer prevention, treatment, and education in minority and economically disadvantaged communities. In his hometown of Quincy, FL, a street and the surgical wing in the Gadsden Memorial Hospital have been named in his

Mrs. Leffall has served on boards of the American Red Cross-Washington, DC. Division, the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington Research Center, and Ford's Theatre, to name a few. She was appointed to the Peace Corps Advisory Board by President Lyndon Johnson and to the Kennedy Center Advisory Committee by President Jimmy Carter.

Dr. and Mrs. Leffall have one son, LaSalle III-an honors graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Law and Business Schools, who is currently an investment banker in New York, NY.

Dr. and Mrs. Leffall are the 10th recipients of the ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award. Previous honorees have been Dr. and Mrs. Eric T. Lincke; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Clements; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Woods; the Islami Family



Dr. and Mrs. Leffall

and Islami Foundation; Armand Hammer, MD; John Conley, MD, FACS; the Clowes Family and Clowes Fund of Indianapolis; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS; and Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS.

If you would like to participate in the

luncheon, but are not yet a member of the Society, you may contact Sally J. Benson, Development Program Manager. Ms. Benson is located in the Organization Department Office at the Walt Disney World Dolphin, Room 3057.

Commission on Cancer activities planned for Congress

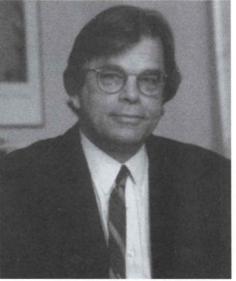
The annual meeting of the Commission reception beginning at 5:00 pm. on Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 3:00 pm in Salon E2 and E3 of the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. The keynote address will be presented by Robert A. Hiatt, MD, PhD, Deputy Director, Division of Cancer Control & Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Dr. Hiatt will speak on the NCI's new strategy for cancer prevention and control. The meeting will be followed by a

Lecture will be held on Wednesday, Oc- of antineoplastic therapies, which reduce tober 28, in the Orange County Convention Center, Room 310, beginning at 11:00 am. John M. Daly, MD, FACS, Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor and chair, department of surgery, Cornell University Medical College, surgeon-inchief, The New York Hospital, will present "In Defense of the Surgical Patient: Current Concepts in Immune/

Nutritional Mechanisms." Cancer pa-The Commission on Cancer Oncology tients are vulnerable to the side effects their host defense mechanisms. The lecture will outline those factors that contribute to altered host defense, and methods to improve clinical outcome.

> Further information regarding these Clinical Congress events may be obtained by contacting the Cancer Department Office in Room 3045 of the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel.



Dr. Hiatt

Named lectures during the Clinical Congress



Dennis S. O'Leary, MD

American Urological Association Lecture

Sponsored by the AUA since 1967, featuring diverse topics in surgery.

Monday, 10:15-11:15 am Convention Center, 320

"Adventures and Misadventures in Quality Measurement"



C. James Carrico, MD, **FACS**

Scudder Oration on Trauma

Evolved from the Oration on Fractures (1929) to honor Charles Locke Scudder as founding member of the College and major contributor to surgery of trauma.

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 pm Convention Center, 320

"In Search of a Voice"



Francis A. Plummer, MD

I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences

Sponsored by the I. S. Ravdin Surgical Society since 1964 to honor I.S. Ravdin, MD, FACS, by promoting the application of basic sciences to surgery.

Wednesday, 1:30-2:15 pm Convention Center, 312 ABC

"Natural Mechanisms of Resistance to HIV Infection"



Benson R. Wilcox, MD.

Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery Lecture (History of Surgery)

Sponsored by the advisory council and first delivered in 1992 to explore the history of surgery.

Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm Convention Center, 312 ABC

"John Abernethy and Professional Duty: A Direct Path or Serpentine Course?"



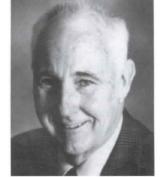
Rev. Richard J. Neuhaus

Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

Established in 1990 through the generosity of John J. Conley, MD, FACS, to support the exploration of ethical issues in surgery.

Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 am Convention Center, 312 ABC

"Medical Ethics and the Idea of Progress"



Sir Peter J. Morris, MD, BS, FACS(Hon)

Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery Established in 1990 to honor dis-

tinguished international surgeons.

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00 pm Convention Center, 311 E-H

"Kidney Transplantation: A Remarkable Story in Modern Medicine"



John L. Ochsner, MD, FACS

John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture

First delivered in 1971 to honor this pioneer of open-heart surgery.

Monday, 3:30-4:30 pm Convention Center, 320

"The Surgical Knife"



John M. Daly, MD, FACS

Commission on Cancer **Oncology Lectureship**

Established in 1987 to explore major developments in oncology and to focus on the surgeon's role in patient care.

Wednesday, 11:00 am -12:15 pm Convention Center, 320

"In Defense of the Surgical Patient'



Uwe E. Reinhardt, PhD

Martin Memorial Lecture

Established in 1946 to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College, and his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin.

Thursday, 3:15-3:55 pm Convention Center, 320

"Who Will 'Manage' Health Care in the New Millennium?"

Sessions to explore role of computers, virtual reality training in surgery

The ACS Regental Committee on Informatics will sponsor a panel discussion on Tuesday morning to consider "Virtual Reality and Training General Surgeons." The panel will meet from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Orange County Convention Center, Room 320.

Richard M. Satava, MD, FACS, New Haven, C1, will serve as moderator for the program. Scheduled topics and speakers are: Simulation of Emergency Medical Procedures: State of the Art and Challenges for the Future, by Scott Delp, PhD, Evanston, IL; Surgical Simulators with Quantitative Performance Assessment, by Marc Raibert, PhD, Cambridge, MA; USUHS Surgical Simulation Laboratory, by Lt. Col. Christoph

R. Kaufmann, MC, USA, Oakton, VA; and Implementation of Surgical Simulation in Resident Training, by Thomas M. Krummel, MD, FACS, Hershey, PA.

Postgraduate (PG) Course #22, "Computers in Surgery," will offer basic PC techniques to the beginning user. The course begins on Monday morning in the Orange County Room 209 ABC.

David A. Krusch, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY, and Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS, Bozeman, MT, will co-chair PG #22.

The course features a lecture series as well as a hands-on workshop that provides a basic working knowledge of current computer concepts for the practicing surgeon. The program includes an introduction to basic PC hardware and concepts, types and methods of Internet connectivity, remote access to clinical data, medical knowledge base searching techniques, and medical resources available on the Internet.

Further information regarding PG #22 may be found on page 157 of the Program Book.

Send us your e-mail address

It's no secret that electronic mail is revolutionizing the way more and more organizations and individuals do business today. Why? Because it's a timely and cost-effective method of communication.

Like many other organizations, the College will increasingly use e-mail as a primary method of communicating with our Fellows. So it's very important that we have your e-mail address in our database.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to send your e-mail address to the College. Your note should be directed to pduke@facs.org.



Be sure to visit the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the registration area of the Orange County Convention Center. This exhibit provides information on: the Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS) course; the Commission on Cancer; the Committee on Trauma; Communications activities; the Development Program; Fellowship; Socioeconomic Affairs; and the National Cancer Data Base. The Resource Center will be open Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AWS Foundation to fund networking programs

On Sunday, October 25, the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) will convene its ninth annual business meeting beginning at noon in Salon 2 of the Omni Rosen Hotel. This year's meeting will focus on the AWS Foundation's efforts to fund innovative programs to bring women surgeons together.

"Every woman practicing medicine today owes a debt of gratitude to those who have paved the way. We now have the opportunity to smooth the way for other women," Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS, said.

The AWS Foundation was created in 1996 to fund initiatives that encourage women to choose the field of surgery. One of the first projects chosen to receive support was an expanded networking program that builds on AWS's successful efforts to bring women surgeons together. Two of the most well-received byproducts of those efforts are the *Pocket Mentor*, a guide for surgical interns and residents, and the annual networking breakfast held in conjunction with the Clinical Congress. This

year's networking breakfast will be held on Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 am in Salon 3/4 of the Omni Rosen Hotel.

AWS plans to sponsor additional networking and mentoring programs, including "how-to" workshops that offer attendees information on technological and medical advances as well as the opportunity to share ideas and information with colleagues. The AWS Foundation will also fund a visiting professorship program, which offers medical schools the opportunity to request top women surgeons as speakers.

A special honorary member award will be presented to Professor Averil O. Mansfield, MB, ChM, MD (Hon) at the business meeting on Sunday. Other 1998 AWS award recipients will be recognized at a reception and dinner scheduled for Sunday evening at the Maison & Jardin Restaurant.

Those individuals being honored include: Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS—Nina Starr Braunwald Award; Joyce A.

Majure, MD, FACS—Distinguished Member Award; Gloria E. Sarto, MD, PhD—Distinguished Member Award; and Debra A. DaRosa, PhD—Honorary Member Award.

Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend all AWS events this week.

For further information about the Association of Women Surgeons and its activities, contact the association's administrative offices at 414 Plaza Dr., Ste. 209, Westmont, IL 60559; tel. 630/655-0392, fax 630/655-0391, or e-mail aws@adminsys.com.

Panel to consider PGY-1 year

The ACS Committee on Graduate Medical Education will convene a panel discussion on Monday afternoon to consider "The PGY-1 Year: Does One Size Fit All?" The session will be held in the Orange County Convention Center, 414D, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Dorothy P. Andriole, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO, will serve as moderator for the panel. Topics and presenters are: Rotations on Specialty Services: Can the Learning Needs of Urology Residents Be Met? by Jerome P. Richie, MD, FACS, Boston, MA; Having Our

Cake and Eating It Too: The Neurosurgeon's Perspective on Optimizing the PGY-1 Year, by Howard M. Eisenberg, MD, FACS, Baltimore, MD; An Objective-Based Curriculum: Can It Work for Preliminary Surgical Education in Otolaryngology? by Toni M. Ganzel, MD, FACS, Louisville, KY; and Responsibility for Oversight and Quality Control of the PGY-1 Year: Who, Why, and How? by Gary L. Dunnington, MD, FACS, Springfield, IL. The audience interactive response system (AIRS) will be used during the session.

Liability in changing health settings to be examined

ith major changes occurring in health care, it is important for surgeons to become aware of new and vexing areas of liability. This week the ACS Regental Committee on Professional Liability is sponsoring two sessions to address current liability issues: Postgraduate (PG) Course No. 19-Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment, and the panel discussion titled Professional Liability Update: The Surgeon and the Law.

PG 19, Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment, will be held on Sunday, October 25, from 1:30 to 5:30 pm, at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Salon A2. The co-chairs for the course are Barry M. Manuel, MD, FACS, Boston, MA, and Andrew Patterson, MD, FACS, New York, NY.

The objective of this course is to identify new areas of physician liability, such as contract liability, vicarious liability (hold harmless clauses), gatekeeper liability, practice liability, and administrative liability. Included in the discussion will be the expanded "duty of care" created by a managed care company contract, delay of care and denial of care liability, peer review liability, antitrust liability, telemedicine liability, and "curbside consult" liability, as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice.



Dr. Manuel

Methods available to deal with these risks will be discussed. Practical advice will be given on how to choose professional liability insurance, how to avoid a lawsuit, how to proceed when one is sued, and how to protect one's mental health during this process. The pernicious trend toward the criminalization of negligence will be explored.

Upon completion, participants will have learned to identify new areas of physician liability as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice. Risk management and prevention will be



Dr. Patterson

emphasized. Participants will also gain an understanding of the legal process, its psychological impact, and deposition and courtroom strategies.

Professional Liability Update: The Surgeon and the Law will take place on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:30 to 10:30 am, in the Orange County Convention Center, Room 206BC. The panel will be moderated by Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, Cincinnati, OH. The featured speakers are Robert E. Oshel, PhD, Rockville, MD, and Brian Kelberg, JD, Los Angeles, CA.



Dr. Fischer

Dr. Oshel is director of research for the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). He will discuss several aspects of the NPDB, including what to do if one's name, as a surgical resident, is listed in the NPDB.

Mr. Kelberg is deputy in charge, Bureau of Special Operations: Medicolegal Section, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Kelberg is one of the leaders in providing the intellectual framework for instances in which professional liability has become and is treated as criminal negligence.

SESAP 10 debuts this week

The all-new 10th edition of the Surgical Education and Self- Assessment Program (SESAP) makes its debut this week at the SESAP exhibit in the registration area of the Orange County Convention Center. Attendees are invited to use the new CD, chat with authors, and to enroll in the new program on-site.

The College developed SESAP to provide practicing surgeons with the opportunity to stay abreast of current standards in surgical practice. This independent home study program reproduces diagnostic and treatment challenges that are faced in the everyday practice of surgery. SESAP offers a broad range of clinical material in 17

subject areas of interest to general surgeons, whether they are preparing themselves for excellence in clinical practice, for certification, or for recertification. Program materials are provided in both print and CD-ROM formats. The new CD offers more multimedia, better navigation and search tools, and includes Medline abstracts of the reference journal articles.

SESAP is based on the opinions of expert surgeons and the published literature. Participants earn 60 Category 1 credits toward the Physician Recognition Award of the American Medical Association if response materials are returned to the College for scoring.



First Aid

The First Aid offices are located in the Orange County Convention Center just outside Hall C. The telephone number is extension 9808. The hours are:

Sunday Monday-Thursday **Friday**

12:00 noon - 6:00 pm 8:30 am - 5:00 pm 8:30 am - 12:00 noon

Jim Henry offers College jewelry

In technical exhibit booth #344, many Congress participants will recognize a familiar exhibitor-Jim Henry, Inc. For over 40 years, Jim Henry has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items from this family-run business.

Recent additions include: ACS ties for men and women, blazer patches and buttons, special plaques and desk accessories, and a popular custom-designed ring with the ACS

Interested Fellows are encouraged to stop by booth #344, or contact Jim Henry, Inc., at their headquarters in St. Charles, IL (tel. 630/584-6500, fax 630/584-3036).

NATIONAL TRACS®

A preview of NATIONAL TRACS v3.0 will be on display this week at the Clinical Congress. A number of substantial improvements, designed with the input of several surgeons of the ACS Committee on Trauma and trauma registry users from major hospitals that use NATIONAL TRACS, are embodied in this new software version.

Some of the significant new features

of NATIONAL TRACS v3.0 include:

- Year 2000 compliance.
- Windows-based product, which will operate under Windows95, Windows98, or Windows NT.
- Easy access to standard reports that firmly support the verification process.
- Support of and compliance with the new 1999 *Resources Document*.
- Expanded collection and reporting

of cost and financial data.

• Significant filtering capabilities on standard and custom reports.

3.0 debuts

• Expanded selection of standard state and regional reports.

NATIONAL TRACS software is currently used by over 200 hospitals, has an annual renewal rate of 99 percent over the past three years, is consistently rated excellent or very good by

its users, and has a 100 percent customer service satisfaction rating.

Demonstrations of the new software version will be available at the NA-TIONALTRACS booth, which is located in the registration area of Orange County Convention Center. Fellows are encouraged to stop by the NA-TIONAL TRACS booth and evaluate version 3.0 for themselves.

National Trauma Data Bank™ completes first year of operation

When the College's Board of Regents approved the undertaking of a trauma registry program several years ago, it did so with the purpose of eventually developing a national trauma registry that would provide data on injury from the entire United States, with the ultimate goal of improving care of the injured nationwide.

The trauma registry program has now evolved to the formation of the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$) of the American College of Surgeons.

This past year was the NTDB's first year of full operation, and a great deal was accomplished. The initial call for data collected almost 41,000 cases of 1994 and 1995 data from 30 hospitals, which used a variety of trauma registry software programs. The initial NTDB *Standard Reports* were distributed in December 1997 to all facilities that submitted data.

In March the NTDB approved its first research request, which tested a neural network design algorithm for prehospital injury severity assessment. The results of that study are expected to be released later this year.

In addition, 51 hospitals responded to

the second call for data, which collected 1996 data. The collected data have been imported into the NTDB. The College now has over 100,000 current cases in the NTDB. The NTDB Standard Reports have been generated and distributed to all NTDB participants. Immediately following the distribution of the standard reports, the call for 1997 data was issued.

In addition to collecting data and distributing standard reports to its participants, the goals of the NTDB over the next year are to validate the data collected thus far, begin to develop trauma

treatment benchmarks, and encourage and secure several other research requests.

Sample NTDB Standard Reports will be on display at the NTDB booth. To learn more about participating in the NTDB or accessing the NTDB for research purposes, stop by the NTDB booth in in the registration area of the Orange County Convention Center. Information may also be obtained from the NTDB's webpage on the College's Web site at http://www.facs.org or by calling Karen Van Maldegiam at 312/202-5470

Sentinel node biopsy PG course featured this week

The American College of Surgeons has added an additional postgraduate (PG) course to the 1998 Clinical Congress. PG# 27, "Lymphatic Mapping and the Significance of Sentinel Node Biopsy," will explore preoperative lymphoscintigraphy, intraoperative lymphatic mapping employing an innovative radioisotope probe with vital blue dye, and minimally invasive surgical techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of solid tumors. After participating in this course, surgeons should be able to evaluate the lymphatic mapping and radio-guided surgery procedures, discuss touch preparation cytology methodology, and be familiar with radio-guided applications for parathyroid adenomas and bone lesions. The course will be chaired by Douglas S. Reintgen, MD, FACS, Tampa, FL, and will consist of a series of didactic presentations; a live surgery component (broadcast via satellite), featuring surgical demonstration of melanoma trunk mapping, melanoma head and neck mapping, and breast mapping using combination probes; and a videotape segment highlighting breast mapping with blue dye. The seven-hour course will be held on Wednesday, October 28, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm; the fee is \$250. Registration for this course is limited to the first 160 registrants. Further information may be found on pages 167-168 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

CESTE to explore protection of new surgical skills

A panel discussion sponsored by the ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will take place Monday afternoon to explore "Life After Residency: Acquiring, Documenting, and Defending New Surgical Skills." The session will be held in the Orange County Convention Center, 308 A-D, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.

Angus M. McBryde, MD, FACS, Charleston, SC, will serve as moderator. Scheduled topics and presenters are: Technique-based CME Courses:

Challenges, Opportunities, and National Guidelines, by Bruce Bellande, PhD, Birmingham, AL; Hospital Exposure, by John R. Fletcher, MD, FACS, Mobile, AL; Technical Skills, Evaluation, and Measurement, by Richard K. Reznick, MD, FACS, Toronto, ON; and Liability: Society, Patients, Doctors, Hospitals, and Industry, by Robert M. Portman, JD, MPP, Washington, DC. The audience interactive response system (AIRS) will be used during the session.

SAGES to host sessions at Congress

The Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) will conduct two sessions during this year's Clinical Congress.

The course, "Minimally invasive management of oncologic disease," will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 25, at the Omni Rosen Hotel. Specific topics include: minimally invasive therapy of hepatic lesions, laparoscopy in the management of upper abdominal malignancy, controversies in Barrett's esophagus, and laparoscopic colectomy for cancer. The course chair is David W. Rattner, MD, FACS, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

The seminar, "Re-tooling surgeons: Lessons learned from laparoscopic surgery," will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 28, at the Omni Rosen Hotel.

The seminar will consider the following topics: community surgeons on the cutting edge, re-tooling from the Ivory Tower, medicolegal implications of new advanced procedures, and working with industry—a perspective.

Co-chairs of the seminar are Theodore N. Pappas, MD, FACS, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, and Mark A. Talamini, MD, FACS, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD.



Exhibits open: Scientific and technical exhibits open Monday at 9:30 am.

JACS features articles on ethics

Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz, ACS President and Editor-inChief of JACS, has provided the following:

"Ethics" appears as the title of a section in the October issue of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS). It might be surmised that "ethics," which by definition in the Oxford English Dictionary is "the science of morals or the moral principles by which a person is guided," currently is receiving accentuated attention and merely represents an "au courant" consideration. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Although Richard Clarke Cabot wrote in The Meaning of Right and Wrong, a 20th century book, that

"Ethics and Science need to shake hands," medicine actually has had a unified ethic for thousands of years.

In antiquity, the relationships between religious values and medical practices were included in the Talmud. In ancient Greece, the Oath ascribed to Hippocrates had philosophy rather than religion as the basis of judgment of behavior. In medieval times, medical ethics were linked to Judeo-Christian and Islamic religious tenets. The great French surgeon Guy de Chaulliac in 1363 wrote on ethics. In 1783, the "Physician's Prayer," attributed to Moses Maimonides, but now ascribed to the German physician Marcus Herz,

eloquently emphasized moral conduct. The views of the English practitioner Thomas Percival on professional ethics, at about the same time as the appearance of the "Physician's Prayer," were more influential in the United States. In 1847, the American Medical Association adopted a comprehensive code of ethics and on November 25, 1912, the American College of Surgeons articulated its credo on ethics.

So what we are confronted with today is not a new concern but rather a magnification of a concern—as old as the profession. That magnification is a consequence of expansion of the science and the potential for cure that were

beyond the dreams of our forefathers. Recent complexities suggest that ethical conduct always will be a moving target that is not black and white but consists of the changing colors of a chameleon.

The October issue of *JACS* features an article in its Ethics section titled "End-of-Life Issues," by Mary McGrath, MD, FACS, and Pierre LaFrienniere, MD, FACS, under the editorship of C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS. Free copies of this issue are available at the *JACS* Booth, #245. The editorial staff will be available throughout the Clinical Congress to answer questions and greet past and future authors.

ACS Insurance Program offers term coverage

The American College of Surgeons' Insurance Trust is pleased to announce that the program's new insurer, New York Life Insurance Company (New York, NY), has designed an affordable, high-quality 10-year level term life insurance plan that is now available to all eligible ACS members.

The new plan includes many features of our current term life insurance: up to \$2 million in coverage, spouse and dependent children coverage, an accelerated death benefit and coverage you can keep until you reach age 75. The affordable premiums are expected to

remain the same for the first 10 years, regardless of how your health may change during those years.

After the first 10 years of coverage (if you are under age 65), New York Life will welcome your application for a new entry-level rate for another 10 year period. Or, if you prefer you may continue your current coverage and pay the renewal premium – the choice is yours. Premiums will renew on a 10-year basis until the first renewal after age 64 when premiums increase annually.

Information packets were recently mailed to the majority of Fellows. If you

are interested in learning more about this new coverage, please feel free stop by the ACS Insurance Program booth (#1225) during the Clinical Congress. Complete plan details, rates, and applications are available for your review at the booth.

While you are there, you can also request a free, customized quote for any of the other plans offered through the ACS Insurance Program: comprehensive major medical insurance, long-term disability insurance, office overhead expense disability insurance, and accidental death and dismember-

ment insurance.

You may also call the plan administrator at 800/433-1672 to request an information packet with an application, or to resolve any questions or concerns you may have about this new coverage option. Complete details for this 10-year level term life insurance can also be obtained by visiting the ACS Insurance Program website at www.acs-insurance.com. You may also link to this site via the College's own website at www.facs.org.

Surgery text completes expansion

As of fall 1998, the expansion and revision of *Scientific American Surgery* (*SAS*), the surgical textbook published by Scientific American Medicine under the aegis of the American College Surgeons, has been completed. Begun in 1995, the revision was intended to increase the book's coverage of diagnosis, work-up, and operative management of the core conditions faced by general surgeons. Significant accomplishments during this process include the following:

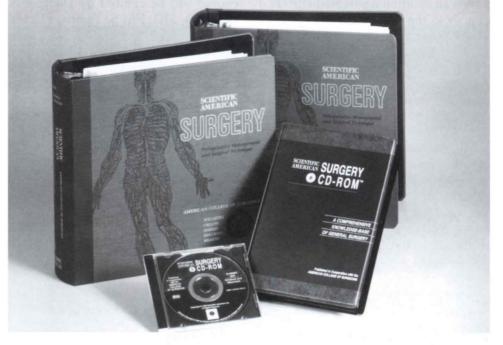
1. The creation of an entire new section on evaluation of common clinical problems, emphasizing an algorithm-based, stepwise approach to clinical decision making. Problems addressed include breast disease, skin lesions, neck mass, GI bleeding, jaundice, acute abdominal pain, and intestinal obstruction

2. The addition of 11 chapters to the "Surgical Techniques" section. These chapters address surgical procedures on the thyroid and parathyroid, breast, esophagus, gastrointestinal tract, biliary tract, and pancreas and include "tricks and traps" from such well-known master surgeons and ACS Fellows as John Cameron, MD, Ira Kodner, MD, Jeffrey Ponsky, MD, and Orlo Clark, MD. The newest addition is an up-to-the minute review of lymphatic mapping and sentinel node biopsy for melanoma and breast cancer.

3. The revamping and expansion of the "Trauma" section, which will contain 11 new or newly revised chapters by such noted trauma authorities and ACS Fellows as F. William Blaisdell, MD, Ernest E. Moore, MD, Kenneth Mattox, MD, David Feliciano, MD, and Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD. (The final new chapter, "Injuries to the Central Nervous System," will appear in the winter 1999 update.)

4. The development of an electronic version of *SAS (SA Surgery* CD-ROM), which contains all of the information in *SAS* and adds superior navigability and advanced searching functions. The CD-ROM is available for both Windows and Macintosh platforms and, like the printed version, is updated quarterly.

With the completion of the current expansion phase, the SAS editorial board has begun to plan the next phase in the book's development. New chapters on abdominal mass and subacute pain, dysphagia and dyspepsia, appendectomy, and ultrasound for the general surgeon have already been commissioned; older chapters are being revised and, where necessary, condensed or deleted; and structural changes to enhance utility are being considered. The continuously updated nature of SAS makes such changes easier to implement than they would be in a conventional text. The fall 1998 update features the following chapters: "Acute Wound Care," "Infections in the



Upper Abdomen: Biliary Tract, Pancreas, Liver, and Spleen," "Immunomodulation," "Hand Infection," "Thoracoscopy," and "Lymphatic Mapping and Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy." (The lead author of the lymphatic mapping chapter, Douglas S. Reintgen, MD, FACS, is also the Chair of Postgraduate Course 27, "Lymphatic Mapping and the Significance of Sentinel Node Biopsy," to be given Wednesday, October 28, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm; this chapter will be used as a component of that course.)

The winter 1999 update will feature

the following chapters: "Metabolic Response to Critical Illness," "Injuries to the Central Nervous System," "Blood Cultures and Infection in the Patient with the Septic Response," and "Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy."

For additional information, visit booth #241 in the Technical Exhibit area, where both printed and electronic versions of *SAS* are on display, or contact Scientific American Medicine at 415 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017-1111; tel. 800/545-0554, fax 212/980-3062.

TROMAIN (trovafloxacin)

Allied Meetings

Sunday

Morning

Current Medical Directions (Pfizer, Inc.)

6:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon I, Floor Ballroom Level

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast The Peabody Orlando, Orlando III, Floor Convention Level

Association of Women Surgeons

7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 5, Floor Mezzanine

Surgical Biology Club II

7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 11, Floor

Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery

7:30 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 3, Floor Lobby Level

Surgical Biology Club II

8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Meeting Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 10, Floor Lobby Level

Surgical Biology Club I

9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 4, Floor Lobby Level

Sciens World for Johnson & Johnson Medical/Ethicon, Inc.

10:45 am - 11:30 am. Breakfast Orange County Convention Center, 102

Afternoon

Surgical Biology Club II

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Luncheon Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 11, Floor Lobby Level

Association of Women Surgeons

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 2, Floor Mezzanine

Association of VA Surgeons

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 1, Floor Mezzanine

Surgical Biology Club III

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon Walt Disney World Swan, Mockingbird 1, Floor Ground Level

Association of VA Surgeons Council of Chiefs

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 2, Floor Mezzanine

American Hernia Society

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Meeting The Peabody Orlando, Orlando III, Floor Convention Level

Evening

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American Society for Bariatric Surgery

5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Dinner Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 2, Floor Lobby Level

Association of VA Surgeons

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezza-

Walter F Pizzi Surgical Society

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 21, Floor MezzaParkland Surgical Society and the North Texas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A4, Floor Ballroom Level

Pediatric Surgery Biology Club

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner Walt Disney World Swan, Lark, Floor Ground

Cook County Hospital Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 10, Floor Lobby Level

Surgical Biology Club I

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/Dinner Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 1, Floor Ground

Monday

Morning

Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced **Surgical Techniques**

7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 4, Floor Mezzanine

General Surgery News

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast The Peabody Orlando, Orlando I, Floor Convention Level

Association for Surgical Education - Testing and Evaluation Committee

7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Swan, Peacock 1, Floor Ground Level

American Head and Neck Society

8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 10, Floor Mezza-

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons Executive Committee

8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 4, Floor Ground

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons - Corporate Council

8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Swan, Parrot 1, Floor

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Meeting

Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 10, Floor

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Young Surgeons Committee

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 14, Floor Mezzanine

American Association of Endocrine Surgeons

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezzanine

ASE Educational Research Committee

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Meeting Walt Disney World Dolphin, Australia 1, Floor Lobby Level

Committee on Admissions

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 4, Floor Lobby Level

Evening

J Bradley Aust Surgical Society

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Peacock 1, Floor Ground Level

Dr. Bookwalter's Fifth Surgical Group

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Coconuts, Floor Recreational Level

University of California, San Francisco, Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Beaumont Surgical Alumni

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Scotland C. Floor Ground Level

ESC Medical Systems

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception/Dinner Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Ballroom A, Floor Lobby Level

University of Alabama Medical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Dove, Floor Second

Temple University Medical Alumni Associa-

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 9, Floor Ground

Hershey Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 2, Floor Ground

University of Wisconsin Department of Sur-

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 3, Floor Ground

Society of Brigham Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A1, Floor Ballroom Level

Massachusetts General Hospital

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A3, Floor Ballroom Level

Cornell University Medical College

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 3, Floor

Creighton University Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 2, Floor

Kansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons, Department of Surgery, Kansas City **Campus and Wichita Campus**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 7, Floor Lobby Level

Wright State University Department of Sur-

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Orlando I, Floor Convention Level

Ohio State University Department of Sur-

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Orlando II, Floor Convention Level

University of Texas Department of Surgery, **MD Anderson Cancer Center**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 1, Floor Mezzanine

UCLA Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception

OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 4, Floor Mezzanine **Yale Surgical Society**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 5, Floor Mezzanine

University of Nebraska Medical Center 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 14, Floor Mezzanine **Baystate Medical Center**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezzanine

SUNY-HSCB Department of Surgery/ Clarence Dennis Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine Level

University of Tennessee Medical Center/ Knoxville

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 5, Floor Lobby Level

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception/Dinner Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Scotland A, Floor Ground Level

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Sapphire, Floor Ground Level

George Washington University Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Lark 2, Floor Ground Level

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Lobby Level

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 9, Floor Mezzanine Level

Brown University School of Medicine

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 4, Floor Lobby Level

University of Arizona Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 1, Floor

UTMB-Singleton Surgical Society

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 1, Floor Ground

Saint Louis University Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 5, Floor Lobby Level

University of Hawaii Integrated Surgical Residency Program

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 2, Floor Lobby Level

Illinois Chapter, ACS

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 6, Floor Lobby Level

Department of Surgery, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Orlando III, Floor Convention Level

Emory University School of

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 9, Floor Mezzanine Medicine

Camishion Surgical Society

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Cambridge, Floor Lobby

ODYSSEA Publishing, Surgical Physician Assistant/Zeneca

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner OMNI Rosen Hotel, Signature 1, Floor Lobby

Albert Einsten College of Medicine/ **Montefiore Medical College**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 8, Floor Lobby Level

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Allied Meetings

Society of Loma Linda University Surgeons

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Meeting Florida Adventist Hospital, Barker A

John E Connolly Surgical Society

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Teal, Floor Second Level

Israel Chapter, ACS

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/Dinner Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 5, Floor Lobby Level

Surgical Section, NMA

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 5, Floor Ground Level

Tuesday

Morning

CICD

6:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 2, Floor Lobby Level

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract

7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 3, Floor Lobby Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Socioeconomic Committee
7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast

OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 15, Floor Mezzanine

Surgical Journal Editors

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Standards Comittee

8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 8, Floor Mezzanine

The Mont Reid Society of the University of Cincinnati

11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 7, Floor Ground Level

American Society of Breast Surgeons

11:30 am - 1:15 pm. Luncheon The Peabody Orlando, Bayhill I, Floor Mezzanine Level

Karger Publishers: Editorial Board Meeting, Digestive Surgery

11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 22, Floor Mezzanine

American Society of General Surgeons

11:45 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Program Changes

Cancellations

Monday, October 26

General Session: Cardiac Screening prior to Non-cardiac Surgery 1:30 - 3:00 pm John M. Porter, MD, FACS, *Portland, OR*

Panel Discussion: Life after Residency: Acquiring, Documenting, and Defending New Surgical Skills

3:30 - 5:00 pm Jerald Jacobs, *Washington*, *DC* Robert M. Portman, JD, MPP, *Washington*, *DC*, will replace Mr. Jacobs and speak on "Liability: Society, Patients, Doctors, Hospitals, and Industry"

Tuesday, October 27

Panel Discussion:Virtual Reality and Training General Surgeons

8:30 am - 12:00 noon Barney E. Johnston III, *Houston*, *TX*

Panel Discussion: Pediatric Burn Management

10:30 am - 12:00 noon Ronald G. Tompkins, MD, FACS, *Boston, MA* Robert L. Sheridan, MD, FACS, *Lexington, MA*, will replace Dr. Tompkins and speak on "Skin Substitutes: What is Available? What is Best?"

Motion Picture Sessions

Monday, October 26 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Cardiac Surgery Motion Picture Session

Co-authors of the second videotape, "Surgical Excision of a Cardiac Fibroma," are: Gregory A. Thomas, MD, Detroit, MI; David A. Theodoro MD, Rochester, MN; Donald J. Hagler, MD, Rochester, MN; and Gordon K. Danielson, MD, FACS, Rochester, MN.

Tuesday, October 27 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Ciné Clinics: Hernia

The first videotape presentation is titled: "Inguinal Herniorrhaphy: Posterior Buttressed Mesh Repair via Laparoscopy (TEP)" by C. Daniel Smith, MD, FACS, *Atlanta*, *GA*.

ATLS international meeting held

The ATLS® Subcommittee of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons hosted the Fourth International ATLS meeting on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. Members of the ATLS family from six continents met to discuss issues affecting the program. Revisions for the 2001 edition, educational design, policies and procedures, and economic issues related to the ATLS program were discussed in detail.

More than 250,000 doctors in 29 countries have successfully completed the ATLS course since its inception as a College program in 1980. In 1998, almost one-half of the 15,000 students are trained outside of United States and Canada. Promulgation of the program to other countries follows stringent guidelines to protect the integrity and

the quality of the course. Exportation of the course can occur only through a chapter of the College or through an eminent surgical organization in the importing country. The members of ATLS Subcommittee are proud of the relationship with our international colleagues and appreciate their unselfish efforts to improve the care of the injured by enthusiastic adoption and presentation of this quality American College of Surgeons' program in their homelands.

The ATLS program continues to expand internationally; approximately two countries import the course from the ACS each year. The purpose of promulgation of the course to other countries is to facilitate the development of systems of trauma care utilizing ATLS as a common language for all doctors who treat the injured patient.

CD-ROM on medical radiation physics available

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American College of Radiology have agreed that surgeons who *independently* perform stereotactic breast biopsy must fulfill certain requirements to use this technique safely and effectively. One of the requirements is that the surgeon must have four hours of Category I CME in medical radiation physics. (The complete listing of requirements can be found in the May 1998 issue of the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, or on the ACS Web site at www.facs.org, click on "Statements/Guidelines.")

In an effort to help surgeons fulfill this requirement, the American College of Surgeons has produced a CD-ROM in collaboration with Robert J. Pizzutiello, Jr., MS, FACMP, to accompany the College's Postgraduate Course

#24, "Image-Guided Breast Biopsy." The CD-ROM contains four hours of lecture and slides and an accompanying test. When scored by the American College of Surgeons, successful completion of the test will lead to the award of four hours of Category I CME in medical radiation physics.

The CD-ROM is \$100 and may be purchased during the Clinical Congress at the *Surgical Forum* booth in the general registration area of the Orange County Convention Center. It can also be ordered by writing to the American College of Surgeons, PO Box 92425, Chicago, IL 60675-2425 (checks should be made payable to American College of Surgeons). For credit card orders, visit the ACS Web site at www.facs.org (click on "Publications/Services") or call Customer Service at 312/202-5474.

This week in the Clinical Congress News . . .

Make sure to pick up your daily issue of the *Clinical Congress News* (CCN) throughout this convention week. The Tuesday through Friday issues will include:

- Summaries of the Opening Ceremony lecture and other named lectures
- Announcement of Surgical Forum dedicatee
- Preliminary Spring Meeting (New York) program information
- Announcement of Honorary Fellows and Distinguished Service Award recipient
- Excerpts from Dr. George Sheldon's Presidential Address
- Announcement of new Officers

The CCN is available each morning throughout the Convention Center and at major hotels. If you wish to obtain additional copies of any issue this week, please stop by or contact the CCN office in the Convention Center, Hall A4; tel. 248-5031.

Learn more about estate planning

Stop by the Philanthropy booth at the ACS Resource Center in the Orange County Convention Center this week to learn more about the Fellows Leadership Society (FLS), the distinguished donor organization of the College. Information about estate planning, including updating your will and life income gifts, is available to interested individuals. Members of the FLS are listed on the donor wall at this location. The society is distributing 84th annual Clinical Congress pens this year.

Congress Notes

Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, participants may review their slides and films in Hall A4 of the registration area in the Orange County Convention Center.

Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of your ticket(s) by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in Hall A4 of the registration area in the Orange County Convention Center during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, and Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Exhibit rules

More than 150 scientific and approximately 325 technical exhibits will be on display in the Orange County Convention Center, Hall A4. Hours are: 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 am -1:30 pm Thursday.

Persons 16 years of age or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay \$25 at the Social Program registration area in the Orange County Convention Center, Hall A4. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other persons registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

Message and Information Center

The Message and Information Center, located in the registration area of the convention center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the

names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

New this year is the MSv2, which is a video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of the Orange County Convention Center and the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the following show messaging address: ClinicalCongress98.postmessage.com.

Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted on site. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located inside Hall A of the convention center.

407/248-5020 Voice 407/248-4200 Fax Global access through the Internet: Clinical Congress98.postmessage.com

The message center will be staffed Sunday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, and Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. The video paging systems are operational 24 hours a day. You may also use your laptop PC and the Internet address at anytime to post and/or receive messages.

Surgical Forum

The complete papers for most of the 365 titles presented in this year's Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems are published in the *Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum, Volume XLIX,* which is on sale during and after the Congress for \$25 per copy. Volumes are available in the general registration area of the Orange County Convention Center, Hall A4.

Audiotapes

Selected postgraduate courses, general sessions, multidisciplinary programs, specialty sessions, and named lectures will be recorded live and available on audiotapes. Additional information and order forms are available during the Clinical Congress at the National Audio Video booth in the registration area of the Orange County Convention Center.

Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at the Orange County Convention Center, Hall A4, and in the Convention Office at the Walt Disney World Dolphin, Room 3039, lobby level.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be on Thursday, October 29, from 1:30 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, in Salons E1, E2, E3, and E4 (Ballroom Level) of the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. Caps and gowns may be turned in on Thursday at the same locations following the conclusion of Convocation.

Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 1.

In the Exhibit Hall

Virtual reality at your disposal

This week, surgeons will have the opportunity to see and feel the state of the art in surgical simulation/virtual reality, and to offer comments and constructive criticism on various technologies. To participate in this activity, all Congress participants need to do is stop by the Technology Pavilion in the Scientific Exhibits section of the Exhibit Hall. Among the many exhibits you will find there are Computers and Robotics in Minimally Invasive Surgery, Virtual Reality Endoscopic Simulator, Learning through Simulation, Human Patient Simulation in the Acute Setting, Bring a Mentor Into the Picture Early, and Biovisual Resource.

In the Information Age of today, it is no surprise that a number of simulation devices are currently available, and have formed the nucleus of the "virtual hospital." High-fidelity human patient simulators are now available that reproduce more than 80 physiologic events, including hypovolemia and complex arrhythmias, for interactive education in a highly realistic setting.

According to Thomas M. Krummel, MD, FACS, a member of CESTE, "In a virtual hospital, basic concepts of patient care and surgical skills could be learned in a systematic and logical fashion by doing them, and a student's proficiency could be demonstrated and assessed."

The ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) is sponsoring this hi-tech exhibit. Please stop by the Technology Pavilion this week and see what all the fuss is about.

Science and Humanism Seminar

Would Sherlock Holmes have needed an MRI?

C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, ACS Executive Consultant and former Director and President, will moderate the Science and Humanism Seminar on Monday afternoon at 3:30 pm in the Orange County Convention Center, Room 312ABC. This year's intriguing topic is "Doctors' Stories: Would Sherlock Holmes Have Needed an MRI?"

Sherlock Holmes is one of the world's best known fictional characters, with his deductive skills modeled to some degree after those of the distinguished Scottish physician, Joseph Bell. During the Science and Humanism Seminar, the audience can listen, learn, and discuss with two experts this famed literary character who is still fascinating 111 years after first being introduced.

The relation between the analysis of facts in a detective story and the logical processes we all employ in coming to a clinical diagnosis has been superbly portrayed in a classic book, *Doctors' Sto-*

ries, by Kathryn Montgomery Hunter, PhD. Dr. Hunter is one of the panelists in Monday's seminar, and she will discuss "Sherlock Holmes as a Clinical Reasoner." Dr. Hunter is a professor of English literature and is experienced in the introduction of beginning medical students to the clinical encounter. She also directs the program on medical ethics and humanities at Chicago's Northwestern University.

The other panelist at the seminar is C. Frederick Kittle, MD, FACS, emeritus professor of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Rush Medical College in Chicago. Dr. Kittle, a renowned student of the creator of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, will speak on "Sherlock Holmes—Myth, Medicine, and Reality." As a member of the Baker Street Irregulars, who are national and international afficionados of Holmes and Doyle, Dr. Kittle has amassed one of the finest collections of memorabilia now extant.

Ortho-McNeil sponsors CD version of *Surgical Forum*

Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical has given a generous grant to the American College of Surgeons to defray costs of producing a CD-ROM version of the *Owen Wangensteen Surgical Forum, Volume XLIX*, which will be available at this year's Clinical Congress.

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Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS, Director, Department of Assembly and Trauma, recently accepted the grant from Deborah Isbell, manager, professional education and scientific affairs, wound healing franchise, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical.

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